

**Amendments to the Specification**

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

-- This application is a request for continuing examination of application Serial Number 10/098,594 filed March 18, 2002. --

Page 8, delete the paragraph of lines 3-6 in favor of the following new paragraph:

-- Two silica fractions were prepared, A in accordance with the procedure described in U.S. British Patent 1,043,282 or ~~DE 24 47 013~~ DE 24 47 613 and B in accordance to the procedure described in DE 31 44 299, and the suspensions obtained from the precipitations were reacted in the manner described below. --